

What happens next?

The Private Fostering Act 2005 states that we need to make sure Privately Fostered children are properly looked after.

A Social Worker from the Kinship Team team will call and arrange a visit to the home where the child is living. This will usually be within 7 days.

It will be important for the Social Worker to speak to the Private Foster Carer, the child and other members of the household and complete relevant checks and an assessment.

The Social Worker will offer advice and give information about what support might be available.

The Social Worker will visit regularly (every 6 weeks) to make sure the child is safe, and the carer feels supported whilst the arrangement continues.



Informal arrangements

You may be caring for a child who is a close family relative. This may not be Private Fostering, but the Kinship team can offer help and advice.

Each arrangement may look different, and we can help you explore options that might be available to you.

Contact the Kinship Team
call: **01473 265025**
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Find out more

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www.suffolk.gov.uk/privatefostering



For independent advice and information:
www.childlawadvice.org.uk
www.corambaaf.org.uk
www.kinship.org.uk
www.frg.org.uk

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or have safeguarding concerns, contact Customer First on 0808 800 4005.



Are you caring for someone else's child?

Is your child living with someone else?

What is Private Fostering?

- When a child under the age of 16 years (or 18 years if they have a disability) is cared for by or is staying with someone who is not their parent or a close relative.
- A close relative is defined as a grandparent, sibling or aunt or uncle.
- When the arrangement is likely to last for 28 days or more.

Private fostering could be:

- A child living with a family friend.
- When a child remains living with their parents' previous partner (when they have not been married).
- Children who have come to the UK to study or who have been sent to the UK by their parents who live abroad.

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